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Hello, Alanna--

We have not met, except during your election canvassing in North Cambridge where my family and I have lived for 36 years.

I strongly urge you to do what you can to be sure that a resolution, currently being considered by some Councilors, is not voted out of Subcommittee, and subsequently, to vote "No" on the resolution if it reaches the Council floor.

While we have all been wrestling with the issue of technology, privacy, and freedom, I believe that an outside lobbying group that is international in scope - Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) has hijacked our discussion and taken advantage of our concerns. It has done this because prior to any concern it has about our privacy or freedom, it has been set up to act as a lobbying group to paralyze the economy of Israel.

Unlike other groups concerned about peace, BDS targets products made or sold to all of Israel's economy-not just those that originate from the West Bank. Seeks to suppress free speech right here in the US by actively getting specific universities, school systems, and professional associations to ban Israeli researchers and speakers, even in such important, peaceful areas as medicine, engineering research, and the arts.

The City Council's earnest discussion about Hewlett-Packard's products, and the uses to which they are part, would be better focused on their everyday use in the US-at airports, in our phones and computers, and the "security" systems that have found their way deep into other aspects of our lives.

Israel was not chosen out of a hat to be mentioned in this resolution. BDS is doing the same thing with about 20 other issues: finding a problem of real concern and then subverting it to make it an attack on Israel.

I wrote my ideas in letter format and attached them. I thought this would make them more accessible.

I look forward to your response, and am glad to clarify anything I have written that isn't as clear as it can be.

I look forward to joining with you on this and other issues.

Sincerely,

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